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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition.

My neighborhood had few internet provider options. The only options were the mega-giants. We tried both of them, and frankly, the performance of their service left a LOT to be desired and their customer service was so bad to be labelled as un-American (by me).

A new, competitive provider showed up and has taken the lion's share of business away from these irresponsible giants because the competitor provided amazing performance with unmatched customer service. Plain and simple. As American as apple pie.

Today, I have 1 Gigabit per second FIBER OPTIC to my home at 1/2 the price I was paying for very slow DSL or cable broadband service from the giants

Broadband access is critical today for my participation in elections, in doing all of my business and personal business, banking, etc., and for our educational and even entertainment needs.

Please support broadband competition.

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